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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

April 11, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminarily to the issuance of an Office Action in the above identified application, please amend the same as follows:

> I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

In the specification:

Please amend the specification as attached.

In the claims:

Cancel all claims without prejudice.

Add the following claims: